

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES SHEET - TV-10 INPUT PROGRAM - "VIOLENCE VENDORS"

1. Why have so many new crowd control weapons been added to police arsenals?
2. What agencies or enterprises, law enforcement agencies or private business, are pioneering in the development of such weapons?
3. What is the probability of physical injury from the use of chemical weapons such as Mace or Chemical Billy, as opposed to conventional billy club or gun?
4. How can the possibility of chronic effects of such weapons be tested for in the laboratory?
5. Does the incorporation of such new weapons in police arsenals serve as a deterrent to the freedom of assembly of minority political groups?
6. What are the psychological effects of such weapons on law enforcement officers?
7. What is the justification for the use of "armed personnel carriers" and weapons such as Stoner guns which kill indiscriminately through masonry walls?
8. What segments of the community are involved in the decisions about what weapons are to be included in the police arsenals?
9. Does the addition of more powerful weapons to police arsenals destroy the traditional distinction between the police and the armed militia?
10. Does the experience with the new weapons raise new questions or urgency regarding community control of police?
11. Should civilians be drafted for police duty as they are for jury duty?
12. How does development of chemical and biological warfare and its use in Vietnam influence public attitudes toward chemical crowd control weapons in U. S. cities?

RELEVANT ARTICLES:

MARCH 1968 "ESQUIRE" - "How Philadelphia Is Preparing For a Second Civil War"

DECEMBER 1968 "PAGEANT" - "Should Civilians Be Drafted For Police Duty?"

